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SUBJ: IRAN-IRAQ DISPUTE IN SC

SUMMARY: PEREZ DE CUELLAR (PERU) PROVIDED AMB SCHAUFELLE WITH FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF MEETING OF "NON-ALIGNED" SC MEMBERS (PERU, COSTA RICA, INDONESIA, KENYA, CAMEROON, MAURITANIA) WITH IRAQIS LATE FEB 19. ACCORDING TO PEREZ, MEETING WAS INCONCLUSIVE, BUT WITH CLEAR TREND OF OPPOSITION TO HAVING SC RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. IRAQI REP EL-SHIBIB HAD SHOWN DRAFT RES (LANGUAGE STILL IMPRECISE AND NOT FIXED) ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
"HAVING CONSIDERED INCIDENTS ON IRAN-IRAQ BORDER, SEEN LETTERS OF TWO PARTIES AND HEARD REPS OF TWO PARTIES, RECALLING GA RES 2625 OF OCT 24, 1970, CONCERNED OVER IRANIAN INCURSIONS, AFFIRMING SANCTITY OF TREATIES, THE SC (1) REGRETS LOSS OF
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LIFE (2) CALLS ON TWO PARTIES TO CEASE MILITARY

OPERATIONS AND WITHDRAW FORCES IN STRICT REGARD OF
THEIR ESPECITVE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
(3) CALLS ON PARTIES TO RESPECT CHARTER AND (4) REQUESTS
SYG TO APPOINT SPECIAL REP TO INVESTIGATE
AND REPORT ASAP AND IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN ONE MONTH
FROM DATE OF RESOLUTUION."

2. INDONESIA AND KENYA EXPRESSED SERIOUS RESERVATIONS
ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF HAVING RES. THEY SAW NO UTILITY
IN RES AS THEY UNDERSTOOD BOTH PARTIES WERE WILLING TO
ACCEPT SPECIAL REP. PERU SAID IT NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT
A RES AND WOULD PREFER A DECLARATION BY PRES OF SC. IN
ANY CASE DRAFT LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY IRAQI REP CONTAINED
PREAMBULAR PARA PREJUDGING FACTS AND THUS INCONSISTENT WITH
OP PARA REQUESTING SPECIAL REP. PERU THOUGHT REP'S MANDATE
SHOULD IN ANY CASE BE CAREFULLY LIMITED TO INVESTIGATING
MOST RECENT INCIDENT AND NOT TO INVESTIGATING PAST HISTORY
OR LEGAL BACKGROUND.

3. IRAQI REP HAD IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED TO THIS CRITICISM
OF DRAFT LANGUAGE BY OFFERRING TO REPLACE PREAMBULAR REFERENCE
TO "IRANIAN INCURSIONS" WITH EXPRESSION OF REGRET FOR
RECENT INCIDENTS ON IRAN/IRAQ BORDER.

4. MAURITANIAN REP TOOK "SLIGHTLY" PRO-IRAQ POSTURE,
ACCORDING TO PEREZ. PEREZ DID NOT INDICATE CAMEROON OR
COSTA RICA HAD SPOKEN TO ISSUES.

5. SCHAUFEELE TOLD PEREZ THAT IN OUR VIEW BEST OUTCOME
OF MEETING NOW ATTAINABLE MIGHT BE CONSENSUS CONTAINING
NON-CONTENTIOUS PREAMBLE AND SIMPLE REQUEST TO SYG TO
SEND SPECIAL REP TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENT.

6. AT END OF DAY, SCHAUFEELE SPOKE TO SC PRES DE GUIRINGAUD
BY TELEPHONE. DE GUIRINGAUD SAID HE HAD EXPECTED VISIT
FROM IRAQI REP TODAY AND REFLECTED IRRITATION THAT HE HAD
NOT IN FACT HERARD FROM IRAQIS. DE GUIRINGAUD CONJECTURED
THAT EL-SHIBIB CONSULTING WITH BAGHDAD BY TELEPHONE IN WAKE
OF HIS ENCOUNTER WITH NON-ALIGNED. DE GURINGAUD SAID THAT
IN ANY CASE HE WOULD GEEL OBLEGED TO POSTPONE MEETING UNTIL
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AFTERNOON FEB 21 UNELESS HE HEARD FROM IRAQIS FAIRLY PROMPTLY
MORNING OF FEB 20. IN MEANTIME THERE IS CORRIDOR GOSSIP
THAT BOTH PARTIES MIGHT WISH POSTPONE NEXT SC MEETING PENDING
NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

7. COMMENT: SITUATION IS MOVING THE WAY IRANIANS SAY THEY
WANT IT. BALL IS OSTENSIBLY IN NON-ALIGNED COURT. WE
UNDERSTAND UK AND FRANCE PREFER CONSENSUS AND THINK USSR

WILL GO ALONG. WE WILL BE WORKING TO PREVENT THESE FAVORABLE
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